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Mr. Jon Nickel
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East Helena, MT 59635

Re: Addendum to the Interim Measures Work Plan

Dear Mr. Nickel:

As we discussed in our meeting on September 14, 2005, EPA and ASARCO agree that it is preferable to defer the development of the Phase II RCRA Facility Investigation Work Plan, which would include the risk assessment work plan, and instead focus on the evaluation of remedial actions to address the groundwater plumes emanating from the facility. EPA is therefore requesting that you submit an Addendum to the Interim Measures Work Plan within thirty days of your receipt of this letter. This work plan should focus on the assessment of both short-term and long-term measures to abate the continued offsite release of groundwater contamination and the containment, removal or treatment of source areas including pockets of highly contaminated soils and saturated materials. Please include cost estimates for capital and operation and maintenance expenditures and a discussion of potential bench or field feasibility studies.

If you have any questions on this or any other related matter, please contact me directly at (303) 312-6503. I wish to again express my gratitude for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Linda Jacobson
EPA Project Manager

cc: Charles Figur, EPA-ENF-L



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